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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for October 15 - October 26, 2001

THIS WEEK

- **Personnel Issues for Law Enforcement Agencies at the Border:** James Ziglar, Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, has been asked to testify before the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Drug Policy on October 17th about hiring for law enforcement agencies, particularly those along the border. (D. Burton)
- **Anti-Terrorism Border Controls** - On October 17, Commissioner Ziglar will testify before the Senate Immigration Subcommittee on effective immigration controls to assist in preventing terrorism. (D. Burton)
- **Graham-Feinstein (S. 1448):** The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence closed hearing that was to be held on October 10 on a provision of this bill, which has been inserted into the Senate anti-terrorism bill, that requires a report jointly from the Attorney General, the Director of Central Intelligence, and the Secretary of the Treasury, on interagency tracking of financial capabilities and resources of foreign terrorist organizations has been tentatively rescheduled for October 17. (Walter)
- **Nominations:** The Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled a hearing for October 18 on the following nominations: Charles Pickering, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals; Christine Armijo, to be a United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico; Karon Bowdre, to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama; Stephen Friot, to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma; and Larry Hicks, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Nevada. (Scott-Finan)
- **PATRIOT Act of 2001 (H.R. 2975):** On October 12, by a vote of 337 to 79, the House passed the Provide Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (PATRIOT) Act of 2001, which would enhance law enforcement authorities for combating terrorism. Our negotiations with Congressman Frank about his provision of a civil action remedy for improper disclosures of information resulted in significant revisions, but additional changes will be important if this provision is retained in the final bill

The House passed text is similar to the Senate bill, with a few major exceptions (McDade, money laundering, and 5 year sunset). In the next few days, there will be either a House/Senate conference on the bill or the Senate will pass H.R. 2975. (Bernhardt, F. Burton)

LAST WEEK

- **Water Infrastructure Safety:** On October 10th, the FBI testified before the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment regarding the safety of the water infrastructure in the United States. (Coughlin)
- **Nominations:** On October 11, the Senate confirmed the nomination of Barrington D. Parker, Jr., to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, by a roll call vote of 100-0; Michael P. Mills, to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, by a roll call vote of 98-0; and the following United States Attorneys by voice vote: Timothy M. Burgess, Alaska; Harry S. Mattice, Jr., Eastern District of Tennessee; Robert G. McCampbell, Western District of Oklahoma; Matthew H. Mead, Wyoming; Michael W. Mosman, Oregon; John W. Suthers, Colorado; Susan W. Brooks, Southern District of Indiana; John L. Brownlee, Western District of Virginia; Todd P. Graves, Western District of Missouri; Terrell L. Harris, Western District of Tennessee; David C. Iglesias, New Mexico; Charles W. Larson, Sr., Northern District of Iowa; Steven M. Colloton, Southern District of Iowa; and Gregory G. Lockhart, Southern District of Ohio. (Scott-Finan)
- **Uniting and Strengthening America (USA) Act of 2001 (S. 1510):** On October 4, Senate Majority Leader Daschle introduced S. 1510, the Uniting and Strengthening America (USA) Act of 2001, which would expand federal authorities relating to terrorism and contains language that has been negotiated between the White House, the Department of Justice, and the Senate Judiciary Committee. The bill passed the Senate on October 11; a House version containing much of the Senate language passed the House on October 12. (Walter)